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SUBJ: LATEST ISSUE OF SAMIZDAT JOURNAL INDICATES HUMAN RIGHTS
MOVEMENT CONTINUES ACTIVE OPPOSITION

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED A COPY OF THE APRIL
ISSUE OF OPINIA, THE SAMIZDAT MONTHLY OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE
DEFENSE OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS (ROPCO). THE ISSUE, 30 PAGES
IN LENGTH, APPARENTLY WENT TO PRESS ABOUT TEN DAYS LATER THAN
USUAL, BUT THE QUALITY OF REPRODUCTION REMAINS HIGH. OPINIA'S
CONTENTS CONTINUE TO BE STRONGLY CRITICAL OF THE PZPR AND GOP
POLICIES.

2. MAJOR ARTICLES IN THE APRIL ISSUE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. APPRAISING THE POSSIBILITY OF A "POLISH SPRING", CHIEF
EDITOR LESZEK MOCZULSKI, CLAIMS THAT ALTHOUGH THE REGIME WOULD
PROBABLY MANIPULATE ANY SUCH PROCESS, "THE CHANCES ARE SIGNIFI-
CANTLY GREATER THAN IN ANY OTHER TIME IN THE PAST 33 YEARS" TO
ESTABLISH A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY IN POLAND.

B. THE EDITORS ARGUE THAT ALL POLES NOT ACTIVELY FOR THE
REGIME ARE IN FACT AGAINST IT. THEY SAY THAT ONLY THE "STRENGTH
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OF INERTIA" SUSTAINS THE REGIME. POLES WHO DO NOT IDENTIFY "WITH
THE USURPING AUTHORITY" ARE ENCOURAGED TO ORGANIZE AND TO OFFER
"MORAL AND SPIRITUAL HELP FOR DEEDS UNDERTAKEN FOR INDEPENDENCE
AND DEMOCRACY".

C. EDITOR WOJCIECH ZIEMBINSKI RESPONDS TO MIECZYLAU RAKOWSKI'S
MARCH POLITYKA ARTICLE ON PARTY-CHURCH DIALOGUE. HE ARGUES THAT

THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IS NOT SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE BUT RATHER THE GAP WHICH DIVIDES THE STATE FROM THE PEOPLE. THE CHURCH, ZIEMBINSKI SAYS, STANDS ON THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE. THUS, "EVERY CONCESSION TO THE CHURCH IS IN FACT A CONCESSION TO THE PEOPLE".

D. ANDRZEJ TEBASZ RECORDS EVENTS AT THE APRIL WRITERS UNION CONGRESS, HIGHLIGHTING THE SPEECH BY ANDRZEJ BRAUN WHO DENOUNCED THE TEACHING OF POLISH HISTORY IN THE STATE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND CITED, INTER ALIA, SILENCE ON THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF POLISH TERRITORY IN 1939 AND THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE. TEBASZ SAYS DENUNCIATION OF BRAUN IN SPEECHES IN MINING MINISTER LEJCAK AND THE DEPUTY VOIVODA OF KATOWICE PRECIPITATED A WALKOUT BY CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IMPLICITLY IN SUPPORT OF BRAUN.

E. IN SHORTER PIECES, THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF CITIZENS' DIRECT APPEALS FOR HELP TO PZPR FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK IS EXPOSED, THE ALLEGED SHORTAGES OF ELECTRICITY EXPERIENCED IN FEBRUARY 1978 ARE QUESTIONED IN LIGHT OF GOVERNMENT CLAIMS WHICH INDICATE THAT GENERATING CAPACITY FAR EXCEEDED PEAK DEMAND DURING THAT PERIOD, AND THE IMMUNITY OF PARTY MEMBERS TO POLISH LAWS IS ALLEGED.

F. THE NEWS ON THE "DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT", PARTICULARLY ROPCO ITSELF, IS GENERALLY UPBEAT. ROPCO INFORMATION AND CONSULATION CENTERS ARE REPORTED TO BE DISPENSING ADVISE AND AID TO MANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITIZENS. ARRESTS AND HARASSMENT OF ROPCO ADHERENTS HAVE APPARENTLY SLACKENED OFF. OPINIA INDICATES THAT MEMBERS OF THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT (WZZ) CURRENTLY BEAR THE BRUNT OF REGIME REPRESSION. ONE KATOWICE WZZ ORGANIZER WAS REPORTEDLY BEATEN UNCONSCIOUS BY FOUR ASSAILANTS AFTER BEING WARNED THAT CONTINUATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES "WOULD MEET WITH DANGER".

3. A FULL SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 1978 OPINIA FOLLOWS BY POUCH. SCHAUFEELE

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